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1. BASED ON MAY 15 TELCON, DOD PROJECT OFFICER COLONEL FRYE AND MISSION PROJECT OFFICER DATT CAPT. MCGRATH, FOLLOWING NEW SCHEDULE HAS EMERGED: (TIMES SHOWN ARE APPROXIMATE.)

MAY 25 P.M. ARRIVE NAPLES
MAY 26 FREE FOR SIGHTSEEING NAPLES AREA
MAY 27 0830-1100 BRIEFING AT AFSOUTH
MAY 27 1100-1230 TRANSPORTATION TO A CARRIER
1230-1600 LUNCH, BRIEFING AND OBSERVATION
OF FLIGHT CYCLE.

1600-1900 FLY TO CIAMPINO VIA CAPODICHINO RON GRAND HOTEL, ROME

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MAY 28 MORNING SIGHTSEEING AND PAPAL AUDIENCE

AFTERNOON EMBASSY BRIEFING RON FREE MAY 29 MORNING DEPART HOME

- 2. EMBASSY RESOURCES ARE HEAVILY ENGAGED IN PREPARATIONS FOR VISIT OF PRESIDENT. MAY 26 MEMORIAL DAY ACTIVITIES WILL, IN ADDITION, ABSORB VIRTUALLY ENTIRE SENIOR MISSION STAFF IN ADDITION TO AMBASSADOR AND DCM. HOWEVER, NEW SCHEDULE SHOLD POSE NO INSUPERABLE PROBLEMS. EMBASSY CONFIDENT ADMITTANCE TO PAPAL AUDENCIE MAY 28 CAN BE ARRANGED, BUT IT SHOUDL BE NOTED THAT IN THIS HOLY YEAR THEY HAVE BECOME MASS AFFAIRS. ON MAY 15, FOR EXAMPLE THE PAPAL "AUDIENCE" INCLUDED 30,000 PEOPLE IN ST. PETER'S SQUARE.
- 3. AS HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS IN SHORT SUPPLY, EMBASSY NOW ATTEMPTING MAKE RESERVATIONS IN ACCORDANCE ABOVE SCHEDULE. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT CONFIRM ACCEPTABILITY BY IMMEDIATE CABLE.VOLPE

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